

Introduced by Senator Figueroa

June 29, 2004

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91—Relative to renaming the San Lorenzo River Redwoods.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 91, as introduced, Figueroa. Renaming the San Lorenzo River Redwoods: Byron Sher Redwoods.

This measure would honor Senator Byron Sher by requesting that the Department of Parks and Recreation rename the San Lorenzo River Redwoods the Byron Sher Redwoods.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Sempervirens Fund, with support from
2 foundations, public agencies, businesses, service organizations,
3 schools, churches, and individuals, raised nearly \$13.4 million to
4 preserve forever the forested headwaters of the San Lorenzo River
5 in Santa Cruz County; and
6 WHEREAS, This 1,340 acre forest, known as the San Lorenzo
7 River Redwoods and located eight miles north of Boulder Creek,
8 was transferred as an addition to Castle Rock State Park increasing
9 the park's size by 37 percent; and
10 WHEREAS, Nearly 50 percent of the money received was from
11 state park funds due to the passage of the Safe Neighborhood
12 Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act
13 of 2000 (Proposition 12) and the California Clean Water, Clean
14 Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002
15 (Proposition 40). Senator Byron Sher was instrumental in securing
16 the state's portion; and

1 WHEREAS, Logged just once a century ago, the property has
2 changed hands only six times since. Since the initial logging, this
3 land has remained untouched, revegetating according to nature's
4 design to where it now contains over 55 million board feet of
5 redwood. This volume of accessible redwood made the area highly
6 sought after by timber interests who offered many millions more
7 to buy the land from the San Lorenzo Valley Water District; and

8 WHEREAS, Because the property is relatively untouched, it
9 has become a focal point of interest for scientists; and

10 WHEREAS, As a tribute to Senator Byron Sher's long
11 legislative history, his strong environmental advocacy, and as
12 recognition for his efforts to transform privately owned redwoods
13 into public land, the Legislature requests that the Department of
14 Parks and Recreation rename the San Lorenzo River Redwoods
15 the Byron Sher Redwoods; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
18 hereby honors Senator Byron Sher by requesting that the
19 Department of Parks and Recreation rename the San Lorenzo
20 River Redwoods the Byron Sher Redwoods; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
22 this resolution to the Director of Parks and Recreation and to the
23 author for appropriate distribution.

